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SUBJECT: NARCOTICS: U.S. CUSTOMS INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS
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REF: BERLIN 1950

1. US CUSTOMS NOTES THAT PARA 4A OF REFTTEL INDICATES THAT
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TEAMS TO BULGARIA TO TRAIN BULGARIAN OFFICERS IN NARCOTICS INTERDICTION TECHNIQUES. TO DATE, 218 OF THEIR OFFICERS HAVE BEEN TRAINED IN THIS PROGRAM. IN ADDITION, THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF BULGARIAN CUSTOMS AND THE CHIEF OF THEIR ANTI-SMUGGLING UNIT HAVE VISITED THE U.S. TWICE TO DISCUSS NARCOTICS CONTROL PROGRAMS. IN JUNE 1978, U.S.

CUSTOMS WILL BE SENDING ANOTHER TRAINING TEAM TO BULGARIA TO CONTINUE THE NARCOTICS TRAINING.

3. IN ADDITION TO BULGARIA, U.S. CUSTOMS HAS TRAINED 93 YUGOSLAV OFFICERS IN YUGOSLAVIA, AND 4 YUGOSLAV OFFICERS IN THE U.S. 16 OFFICERS FROM ROMANIA HAVE ALSO RECEIVED TRAINING IN THE U.S., AND 2 OFFICERS FROM POLAND ATTENDED THE LAST TRAINING PROGRAM GIVEN BY U.S. CUSTOMS IN BULGARIA ALTHOUGH NO TRAINING HAS BEEN PROVIDED TO OFFICERS FROM CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND HUNGARY, WE ARE IN CONSTANT CONTACT WITH THESE CUSTOMS SERVICES ON A BILATERAL BASIS AND THROUGH THE CUSTOMS COOPERATION COUNCIL.

4. IN SEPTEMBER 1978, U.S. CUSTOMS IN COOPERATION WITH BULGARIAN CUSTOMS, IS PLANNING TO SPONSOR A CUSTOMS NARCOTICS CONTROL SEMINAR IN VARNA, BULGARIA. THE BULGARIANS HAVE BEEN ASKED TO EXTEND AN INVITATION TO THE CUSTOMS SERVICE OF THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC TO ATTEND THIS CONFERENCE AND THEY HAVE ASSURED US THAT THIS INVITATION

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6. DURING THE EARLY PART OF APRIL 1978, TWO U.S. CUSTOMS REPRESENTATIVES WILL BE IN BULGARIA TO FINALIZE PLANS FOR THE FORTHCOMING CONFERENCE IN BULGARIA PLANNED FOR SEPTEMBER 1978. IF EMBASSY BERLIN IS AGREEABLE, THESE REPRESENTATIVES WILL CALL ON NARCOTICS COORDINATOR AT EMBASSY IN BERLIN AND PROVIDE DETAILED INFORMATION ON U.S. CUSTOMS PROGRAMS AND PLANS IN NARCOTICS CONTROL AREA. ALSO PREPARED CALL ON GDR COUNTERPARTS, IF EMBASSY BE-

LIEVES USEFUL.

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